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## WEST VIRGINIA PILOT PROGRAM

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It was my privilege to represent AASL as a part of the pilot program for West Virginia at the fall meeting of the West Virginia School Librarians Association in Charleston, October 12 and 13, 1960. I arrived at the airport at 6:15 p.m. and was met by Rosalie Baker, Chairman of the Implementation of Standards for West Virginia and librarian of Dunbar Junior High School, Charleston, her sister, and my hostess Helen Miller, Consultant for the West Virginia Library Commission. They took me to dinner in the Sky Room of the Airport which had a beautiful view of the West Virginia hills.

We went immediately to a planning session for designing a long range plan for school library development for West Virginia which was held at the Kanawha Public Library. Approximately 30 persons were present, two of whom were school principals and others were from college, school and public libraries. I cannot describe strongly enough the able support given by these groups to school library service. I spoke on the topic "What is a Good School Library Program?" using as my guide the major points as given in the Discussion pamphlet and using transparencies which I had developed of the quantitative standards under the point: What does a good school library program cost?

Harold Apel, librarian of Marshall College, had sent me a statistical summary sheet of the West Virginia Survey of school libraries giving high, low, average, and median scores on enrollment, total dollars spent, and total number of books for schools grouped in three categories: Senior high schools 10-12, Senior high schools 9-12, and Junior high schools 7-9. In order to compare conditions he had given the recommended standard in parentheses as quoted from Standards for School Library Programs. This information I put on transparencies and projected to the group. I also used the program planning guides of AASL and the Indian Implement Project.

Good discussion followed for about one hour concerning first steps in implementing a program for improving school libraries for West Virginia. It was agreed that these ideas should be presented by me to the luncheon session. Possibilities of workshops, regional meetings, state publications, publication of the survey, meetings with other professional groups, meetings with state department officials were all discussed.

The group was enthusiastic about the potential of the program.

Since Max Lerner is one of my favorite authors and columnists and since he was speaking at the general session on Thursday morning and I was not on the program until a one o'clock luncheon, I asked my hostess, par excellence, if we might attend the session. Little did I know that one of the principals, Mr. Steadman, who attended the session the night

before would call me to the stage and ask if I were willing to substitute for Max Lerner because his plane was delayed in Washington. I prayed a prayer and said, "Mr. Steadman, if you believe I can, I'll try." Luckily my woman's intuition told me to place my luncheon speech in my purse and most fortunate of all - the theme of the conference was Quality Education. My luncheon speech was Quality Education: The Librarian as a Director of Learning. I made this general and spoke on Quality Education: The Teacher as the Director of Learning. People were very kind in their remarks and I even have two letters from Superintendents which I am going to frame stating that I was better than Max Lerner who spoke that evening! Anyway it was a wonderful opportunity for me to emphasize the need for quality school libraries to support good teaching. I do not believe in destiny and I feel that this opportunity was made to emphasize the need for good school libraries in West Virginia. I know that Helen and every other school librarian was also remembering me as I spoke--how else could I have stood up before 8,000 people!

Helen and I went to a small coffee shop and I revised and revamped my luncheon speech and used the topic "A Blueprint for Quality School Library Service." Mr. Steadman came again with several other principals, county superintendents, the president of the West Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers, the president of the West Virginia Librarians Association, the General Supervisor for State Department of Education, a representative for the newspaper, English teachers,

several college and public librarians as well as school librarians, approximately 80 in all. We discussed possible ways of starting first in West Virginia. A smaller planning group stayed on until four p.m. in their enthusiasm for developing a program.

Strong features:

1. Dedicated school librarians who want to give their best to West Virginia. Among the leaders were Olive Lewis, newly elected president, Rosalie Baker, Implementation Chairman, Peggy Smith, Susanna Rose, June Lay, Helois Dye, Bernice Dorsey, and others.

2. Interest of Clarence A. Brock, and of the State Superintendent with whom I was able to talk since I followed him on the general program.

3. Interest of public and college librarians and West Virginia Library Association. Outstanding in support were Harold Apel, Nick Winowich, and Bob McClarren.

4. Great understanding of West Virginia Library Commission of the school board's responsibility for school libraries, and interest of Miss Parks through Miss Helen Miller who gave long hours to the compilation of the survey and general advice to the school library group.

5. The survey of status of West Virginia School Librarians. Miss Lewis and others are working to get articles for the library and educational press.

6. Concern of principals, teachers, and lay groups for good school library service.

7. Resolution of group, which passed unanimously, to instruct the president of the school section and the president of the library section to design first steps for planning implementation of the standards in West Virginia.

8. Committment of the group to use some of the budget for implementation and to seek additional support from the school section of West Virginia Library Association.

9. Feeling of many of a need for a workshop for school librarians before meetings for other groups.

Needs:

1. Stronger professional organizational pattern with representation for all areas of state.

2. Leadership from the Office of State Department of Education.

3. Meetings of longer duration so that school librarians can become better acquainted with one another, a sharing of problems and ideas and an identification of leaders from the various sections.

4. More participation in other library associations, particularly A.A.S.L.

5. Better means of communication such as a news organ.

6. Authority for persons in leadership roles since organizational pattern has been so informal.

I count it a privilege to have represented A.A.S.L. at this conference. I feel that the school librarians of West Virginia are concerned and want to move ahead. They need counsel and assistance from A.A.S.L. but they also have the potential to direct and plan the growth and development of school libraries for West Virginia.

## HIGHLIGHTS
### Of The West Virginia Library Association Annual Conference. Wheeling, October 21-22, 1960

Mr. Nicholas Winowich, President, outlined the Association's accomplishments during the past year. Chief among these were: the highest membership in the Association's history--308, and the active work of the Legislative Committee for both state and federal library legislation.

Miss Germaine Krettek, Director of the American Library Association Washington Office, gave a step-by-step account of the passage of the extension of the Library Services Act.

Dr. Roy Bird Cook, Pharmacist, historian, and library trustee, told of Wheeling's place in the history of West Virginia.

Mr. Delf Norona, of the West Virginia Centennial Commission, and also of the West Virginia Civil War Commission, announced that Miss Virginia Ebeling (Librarian, Ohio County Public library) is state chairman of the Ladies Division of the Centennial.

Dr. John Harvey, Dean of the Graduate School of Library Science, Drexel Institute of Technology, urged active recruitment of prospective librarians during National Library Week. Recruits could then be encouraged to attend a library school, and to return to West Virginia libraries.

Miss Elizabeth Nesbitt, Associate Dean of the Carnegie Library School, Carnegie Institute of Technology, said that "Our children need more than factual information...The children of the 1960's must develop a sense of inner security... 1960's children need pure relaxation in their reading."

Miss Mary Lee Settle, author of "O Beulah Land," and other novels, including the recently published "Know Nothing," spoke of the importance of the many people who bridge the gap between the author and the reader--the publisher, bookseller, bookbuyer, and librarian. Miss Settle challenged librarians to promote the reading of worthwhile books, and spoke of the need for readers to have a chance to discuss the books which they are reading.

## Our New Officers

PRESIDENT: Robert R. McClarren, Librarian, Huntington Public Library
1st VICE PRESIDENT, and PRESIDENT-ELECT: John E. Scott, Librarian, West Virginia State College, Institute
2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Miss Olive Lewis, Supervisor, Secondary School Libraries, Wood County Public Schools, Parkersburg
Secretary: Miss Idair Smookler, Librarian, Union Carbide Chemicals Co., South Charleston
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Public Libraries: Miss Helen M. Miller, Consultant, West Virginia Library Commission
School Libraries: Miss Rosalie Baker, Librarian, Dunbar Junior High School, Dunbar
Special Libraries: Miss Idair Smookler (See Secretary, above)
Trustees: Curtis P. Smith, Swaney Memorial Public Library, New Cumberland

## School Libraries

The school librarians present at the luncheon elected the following officers for the coming two years:

PRESIDENT: Miss Olive Lewis, Secondary School Library Supervisor, Wood County

VICE-PRESIDENT: Miss Mildred Conard, Librarian, Martinsburg High School

SECRETARY-TREASURER: Miss Helois Dye,Elementary School Library Supervisor, Wood County

Plans are being made for a long-range program of study and implementation of the new School Library Standards.

## ETHEL GREEN

The Clarksburg Public Library announces with deep regret the death, on October 13, of Miss Ethel Green, head librarian here from 1938 to her retirement in 1954. In 1955 Miss Green accepted a position as librarian of Alderson-Broaddus College where she remained until 1957. Since that time she had resided in Clarksburg, helping at the library as the need arose. In fact, she had worked at the desk the night before her death, which resulted from a sudden heart attack.

Miss Green was a graduate of West Virginia University where her father, Dr. Henry S. Green, was head of the Department of Greek from 1900 to 1912. She was a charter member of the Iota Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta on the West Virginia campus and was a recipient of the Edna Epperson Brinkman award as an outstanding alumna of the chapter. She came to Clarksburg from the library of Yale University where she held the position of cataloguer. Before going to Yale Miss Green had served for six years as librarian at the State Department of Archives and History in Charleston, four years in the library of Massachusetts State College and two years at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge. She was vitally interested in the educational aspect of library work and was especially helpful to the high school and college students who use our library.

Gladys Engelhardt

## SPECIAL LIBRARIES IN WEST VIRGINIA

### Beckley

U. S. Veterans Hospital

### Belle

E. I. Du Pont de Nemours and Company
Miss Mary Eastwood, Librarian

### Charleston

State Department of Archives and History Library
Mrs. Cary Bowen Sutton, Librarian

Charleston General Hospital
Mrs. Mary Smithy, Librarian

Charleston Memorial Hospital
Mrs. Kathleen Caplan, Librarian

### Clarksburg

Hope Natural Gas Company
Miss Catherine Casto, Librarian

U. S. Veterans Hospital
Miss Beatrice Quigley, Librarian

### Huntington

C & O Hospital
Mrs. Light, Librarian

St. Mary's Hospital
Mrs. Falk, Librarian

Veterans Hospital Library
Miss Nancy Taylor, Librarian

### Martinsburg

U. S. Veterans Hospital

## Morgantown

West Virginia University
Medical Center Library
Alderson Fry, Librarian

Agriculture-Engineering Library
Miss Ruth Stemple, Librarian

## New Martinsville

Columbia Southern Chemical Company
Ralph Schupbach, Administrative Assistant to Director of Research

## Nitro

Monsanto Chemical Company
John Osborne, Librarian

## South Charleston

Union Carbide Chemicals Company; Engineering Department
Hazel Brown, Librarian

Union Carbide Chemicals Company; Development Department
Mrs. Louise Barry, Librarian

Union Carbide Chemicals Company; Research Department
Miss Idair Smookler, Librarian

Union Carbide Olefins Company; Engineering Department
Frank Cooper, Librarian

Union Carbide Olefins Company; Research Department
Eldon Taylor, Librarian

## Washington

Marbon Chemical Company
Freece Elliott, Librarian

## Weirton

Weirton Steel Company

National Steel Corporation
Andrew A. Sherockman, Research Librarian

## Wheeling

Wheeling Steel Company
Miss Betty A. Biggs, Librarian

Are there other special libraries or librarians in West Virginia? If you know of one please send the information to:

Miss Idair Smookler
Librarian, Research Department
Union Carbide Chemicals Company
South Charleston 3, West Virginia

## WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

### TREASURER'S REPORT

November 19, 1959 - November 21, 1960

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| Balance on hand November 19, 1959 | $1709.13 |
| 13 deposits | 2332.85 |
| | $4041.98 |

184 Regular memberships
87 School memberships
35 Institutional memberships
21 Exhibitors fees (2 from last year)
4 Copies West Virginia authors
7 Subscriptions to West Virginia Libraries
1 Luncheon ticket (from last convention)
1 Mary Lee Settle's book
Convention fees

DISBURSEMENTS

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| Meals for Executive Board & Legislative Comm. | 171.56 |
| Final bills for last convention (1959) | 170.96 |
| Postage for Legislative Comm., W.Va. Libraries, School Lib. Sec., Fed. Coord. | 316.56 |
| Telephone & telegrams | 51.88 |
| Stationary, badges, membership cds | 226.21 |
| Transportation to Exec. Bd. & Legis. Comm. meetings | 161.80 |
| Supplies for West Virginia Libraries | 128.50 |
| A.L.A. Exhibitors Round Table dues (2 years) | 4.00 |
| Refund to Faxon | 1.00 |
| Bank charges | 1.05 |
| Leg. Comm. expenses (Journal) | 2.40 |
| 3 Speakers fees 1960 convention | 176.53 |
| Hotel & meal bills for 1960 convention | 911.04 |
| Programs, flowers, etc. for 1960 convention | 130.47 |
| NLW expenditures | 36.66 |
| | $2490.62 |

Balance on hand November 21, 1960 $1551.36

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